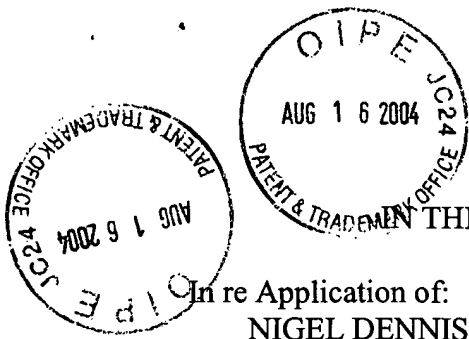


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This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated April 26, 2004, for which the three-month date for response was July 26, 2004. A request for a one month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This one month extension will bring the due date to August 26, 2004, which is within the six-month statutory period. Should such request or fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2060.004500.

Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.